

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for increasing player interest in games of chance, comprising:
 - providing a game machine configured to enable a player to play a game whose outcome is based on chance in exchange for a wager and further comprising a printer operable disposed therein;
 - providing a lottery ticket purchasing pool in said game machine;
 - funding said lottery ticket purchasing pool on an incrementally increasing basis; and
 - issuing a lottery ticket from said printer when said lottery ticket purchasing pool reaches a predetermined value and when a game play finishes.
2. (new) A method for playing a game of chance on a gaming machine, the method comprising:
 - receiving a player wager initiating a gaming session on a gaming machine;
 - funding a lottery ticket purchasing pool with at least a portion of the player wager;
 - initiating game play and presenting a game outcome;
 - determining whether the game outcome is a winning outcome; and
 - issuing a lottery ticket to the player in response to a winning game outcome.
3. (new) The method of claim 2, further comprising providing the player an opportunity to purchase additional lottery tickets.
4. (new) The method of claim 2, wherein issuing the lottery ticket further comprises printing the lottery ticket at the gaming machine.
5. (new) The method of claim 2, wherein issuing the lottery ticket further comprises printing a voucher that is redeemable for a lottery ticket.

6. (new) A gaming system, comprising:

a plurality of gaming machines presenting a base game having a plurality of winning game outcomes, wherein at least one winning game outcome is a lottery ticket as a payout award; and

a lottery gaming system in communication with each of the gaming machines, wherein the lottery gaming system manages a lottery ticket purchasing pool and issues lottery tickets.